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into the past, do we find reason for believing the straits were then as narrow as now? May not an ocean have rolled between, or ice blocked up every portion of the way? In the second part, the researches of Max Müller, Tylor and others as to myths and worship in its various forms, are very clearly outlined, and, we doubt not, will be read with pleasure by all who purchase this little volume. We hope, with the author, that the subjects treated of may rouse a curiosity which will lead to the careful study of the works of Tylor, Lubbock, Nilsson, Waitz and other ethnologists, from which Mr. Clodd has so largely drawn in his brief account of Man in Early Times.—C. C. A.

CATALOGUE OF THE PHÆNOGAMOUS AND VASCULAR CRYPTOGAMOUS PLANTS OF CANADA AND THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES.*—This is somewhat on the plan of the British exchange Catalogue which was in use twenty years ago. It is printed in eight pages of large quarto size, each of six columns. The portion of the United States included is co-extensive with that of "Gray's Manual" with the addition of a range of states on the western side of the Mississippi; namely, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

An ingenious arrangement indicates the geographical range of each species, *i. e.*, its occurrence in either or all of three districts, *viz.*: 1, Canada; 2, Virginia; 3, Illinois; respectively representing the northern, the southern and the western distribution. The Catalogue extends to varieties, is very carefully prepared, evidently with much pains, and is admirably adapted for its purpose; that of facilitating exchanges among botanists. Mr. Curtiss, as one of our most active botanists, has doubtless felt the need of what he has now supplied.

BULLETIN OF THE BUFFALO SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES.†—A new life is pervading this society, perhaps due to the removal of Mr. Grote, the well known lepidopterist, from the south to Buffalo. The first number of its Bulletin contains the four following valuable papers on moths by Mr. Grote, which will greatly interest lepidopterists. "Description of New North American

*Catalogue of the Phænogamous and Vascular Cryptogamous Plants of Canada and the Northeastern Portion of the United States. By A. H. Curtiss, Liberty, Bedford Co., Virginia.

†Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Vol. i, Nos. 1 and 2, Buffalo, N. Y., 1873. With 3 lithographic plates. 8vo. pp. 128, \$2.50 a vol.